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Docket No.: 81862P082

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

LOUIS COUTURE

Application No.: 09/049,288

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For: **A Method and Apparatus for Supporting  
Multiservice Digital Processing Applications**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully Petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to November 17, 2002, from the Office Action dated July 17, 2002. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and a Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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